

MAYORAL CANDIDATES



BOB MCDAVID

Personal: Age 63. He is married to Suzanne McDavid. They have two children and three grandchildren.

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SID SULLIVAN

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DOWNTOWN ZONING

Says it's useful to explore C-2 zoning in terms of building height, parking requirements, etc., but notes that downtown is vibrant and that C-2 zoning has served well thus far.

Says the city must determine appropriate uses downtown. Wants zoning that promotes a walkable environment that allows people to linger and enjoy downtown.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Notes that incentives helped bring IBM and Beyond Meat to Columbia and that they're a fact of life. They should be considered carefully, case by case.

Says the enhanced enterprise zone was inappropriate. The city should be careful about ceding leverage to industry and about which industries it recruits. Industrial and business parks target more specific areas.

AIRPORT

Pursuing "40 in 2020," or 40 percent of area customers flying from Columbia by 2020. That would be 500 passengers per day. Wants more flights to Chicago and other destinations, then a new terminal.

Says the city needs to get to 500 passengers per day. Increasing demand, in part by attracting more people to Columbia, is important before the city invests millions in airport upgrades.

BUS SYSTEM

Started FastCat loop downtown and around MU. Wants student apartments in south Columbia to support routes and to use that revenue to fund core routes serving people with disabilities and/or low incomes.

Calls for a market study of the bus system to determine organization and strategies for attracting riders. Says it's important to serve not only students but also other local residents.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

Praises the existing trail system. The main challenge with streets is funding. Cites \$200 million in street needs but notes the city has only about \$6 million per year to work with.

Says the intersection of Stadium and Providence boulevards is the most important need. Wants to evaluate traffic circulation in central Columbia. Clark Lane is the most important sidewalk need.

MU ENROLLMENT

Housing, parking and transportation are primary challenges. Private sector is trying to meet housing demand. Wants students living close to campus so that buses are more convenient than cars.

Says luxury student apartments deprive students and others of affordable housing. New student housing, he says, should be connected with public transportation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls low customer satisfaction and low morale within the department unacceptable but says changes suggested in a consultant's report are under way and will work.

Notes that the area police must patrol has expanded. Wants a northern substation and says the council should examine other capital needs of the Police Department.

CRIME

Says crime rate is relatively low. Cites a need for more training, more policing in crime hot spots and more neighborhood policing. Wants a citizenry that is respectful and satisfied with Police Department.

Says neighborhood policing is important so that residents recognize officers in their areas. Says the ability to add police officers is a function of budgeting.

OTHER PRIORITIES

Improving roads and other infrastructure, along with police and fire protection, crime prevention and economic improvement. Wants to continue "selling" the community to business and industry.

Says the council should develop policies to guide its decisions in passing ordinances. Jobs are important, but he would look beyond REDI and toward an advisory committee to create jobs for young people.